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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ROME AIRPORTS GROUND SERVICES

REF: ROME 4310 AND PREVIOUS

1. LOCAL TWA AND PAA REPS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT, DURING MARCH 26 MEETING WITH UNIONS, ROME AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (SOCIETA' AEROPORTI DI ROMA -- SAR) PROPOSED GRADUAL TAKEOVER OF GROUND SERVICES AT ROME AIRPORTS DURING PERIOD APRIL 1 - NOVEMBER 15, 1975, THEREBY EXTENDING JUNE 30, 1975 DEADLINE. PAA REP REPORTS UNIONS HAVE REJECTED SAR PROPOSAL, PREFERRING STICK TO ORIGINALLY AGREED JUNE 30 DEADLINE.

2. SAR MARCH 26 PROPOSAL INCLUDED PAA TAKEOVER DURING PERIOD APRIL 3-20, 1975 AND TWA TAKEOVER DURING SEPTEMBER 1975. LOCAL TWA REP STATES SEPTEMBER DATE HAS NEITHER BEEN DISCUSSED WITH NOR AGREED TO BY TWA. PAA, ON OTHER HAND, WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN OVER DURING MARCH ON BASIS OF PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH SAR, WHICH HAS UNILATERALLY POSTPONED TAKEOVER DATE. PAA EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN OVER ARE THUS STILL ON PAA PAYROLL; PAA REP LAMENTS HIS BUDGET THROWN COMPLETELY OUT OF WHACK BY SAR DELAY.

3. COMMENT. SAR PROBABLY ADVISED BY GOI THAT TAKEOVER OF PAA GROUND SERVICES JUST PRIOR TO OR DURING CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE APPROPRIATE, SINCE IT ONE OF PRINCIPAL  
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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT CONSULTATIONS. SAR OBVIOUSLY; NOT

PREPARED (AND PROBABLY NOT ABLE) TAKE OVER GROUND SERVICES FOR ALL AIRLINES BY JUNE 30, 1975, BUT ACTION TO EXTEND TAKEOVER PERIOD MIGHT RESULT IN UNIONS CALLING STRIKE AIMED AT SHUTTING DOWN FIUMICINO AIRPORT. END COMMENT.

4. LABOR SITUATION AT FIUMICINO FURTHER COMPLICATED BY UNIONS' AGITATION FOR SINGLE CIVIL AIR INDUSTRY-WIDE CONTRACT ENCOMPASSING ALL RPT ALL CIVIL AIR PERSONNEL, FROM PILOTS TO CABIN ATTENDANTS TO GROUND SERVICES EMPLOYEES, BASED IN ITALY WHETHER EMPLOYED BY AIRLINES OR AIRPORTS. UNIONS' EFFORTS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON ALITALIA, WHOSE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN WORKING WITHOUT CONTRACTS SINCE DECEMBER 31, 1974, BUT LABOR AGITATION TO ACHIEVE SINGLE CONTRACT COULD AFFECT US CARRIERS AS WELL. ALITALIA AND US CARRIERS STRONGLY RESISTING CONCEPT OF SINGLE CONTRACT. BEAUDRY

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